

Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM) Annual Report: 2017 –2018

In 2017-2018, LLAM continued its commitment to advancing the profession of law librarianship in Maryland and promoting cooperation among various types of law libraries.

LLAM's calendar for the 2017-2018 included a variety of variety of educational programs, social events, professional activities, and outreach to members. The calendar began with a library tour of the Food and Drug Administration's Law Library and Innovation Lab in September 2017. Members were able to learn about federal law libraries and resources for health law and administrative law.

In October 2017, LLAM sponsored a program on govinfo.gov with representatives from U.S. Government Publishing Office. Members were able to learn about the federal government's new online portal for providing access to government information and official publications.

In November 2017, LLAM sponsored a program on serving patrons with mental health issues. Members were able to learn about different mental health diagnoses and how to better serve library customers with mental health issues.

In December 2017, LLAM celebrated its 35th anniversary with a holiday party and sit-down dinner at Baltimore's famous Chiapparelli's restaurant. Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction went to fund a LLAM grant and a donation to the Maryland Book Bank, a non-profit organization that provides books and literacy programs for children from under-resourced neighborhoods.

In March 2018, LLAM sponsored a book talk with the Honorable Daniel Friedman, Judge, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, on his book *The Maryland State Constitution*.

In June 2018, LLAM held its annual Spring Fling and new officer installation at Reynold's Tavern in Annapolis, Maryland.

In July 2018, the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Throughout 2017 and 2018, LLAM members were actively involved in planning this event. LLAM members chaired the Local Arrangements Committee and several subcommittees, and volunteered to assist with staffing the registration desk and hospitality desk, bag stuffing, assisting with library tours, and preparing the local guide. LLAM also arranged a Dine Around Dinner for LLAM members during the conference at Baltimore's Brio Tuscan Grille.

LLAM also continued its commitment to legislative affairs and issues of equality, diversity, and inclusion. In August 2017, LLAM issued a statement of support for AALL's response to the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. In February 2018, LLAM members attended the Maryland General Assembly's Legislative Day in Annapolis, Maryland. In May 2018, LLAM sent a letter in support of H.R. 5306, the FDLP Modernization Act of 2018 to the Honorable Steny Hoyer, Democratic Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Representative for Maryland's 5th Congressional District.

LLAM also conducted outreach to members through interest surveys and grants. In August 2017, LLAM conducted an online survey about members' interest in attending different types of LLAM programs and satisfaction with LLAM's membership benefits. This survey has been conducted annually for the last few years. In May 2018, LLAM awarded two grants, totaling \$820.00, to cover the cost of registration for the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, July 14th-17th, in Baltimore, Maryland. One grant was awarded to a current student and the other grant was awarded to a LLAM member.

LLAM officers for 2017-2018 were: Julia Viets, President; Jason Hawkins, Vice President/President-Elect; Pat Behles, Secretary; Chi Song, Treasurer; Jim Gernert and Joe Neumann, Board Members; and C.J. Pipins, Past President.

LLAM committees and chairs were: Archives Committee, Joe Neumann; Communications and Technology Committee, Jason Hawkins; Government & Vendor Relations, Joan Bellistri; Grants Committee, James Gernert; Membership Committee, Pat Behles and Sara Witman; Nominations Committee, C.J. Pipins II; Placement Committee, Jessica Mundy; Programming Committee, Jason Hawkins.

More information about LLAM activities and events, membership, and policies, is available at the LLAM's website, <https://llamonline.org>.

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